



**NNSA Releases Draft Environmental Assessment
for the Proposed Construction and Operation of a
Biosafety Level 3 Facility at Los Alamos National Laboratory**

The U.S. Department of Energy, National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) has released a predecisional draft environmental assessment (EA) for public comment, entitled "Proposed Construction and Operation of a Biosafety Level 3 (BSL-3) Facility at Los Alamos National Laboratory (DOE/EA-1364)". You are invited by NNSA to comment on this predecisional draft EA. Copies are available in DOE Public Reading Rooms located in Los Alamos at 1619 Central Avenue and in Albuquerque at the Government Information Department, Zimmerman Library, University of New Mexico. Requests for the document and comments should be sent to: Ms. Elizabeth Withers, 528 35th Street, Los Alamos, NM 87544, or by calling (505) 667-8690, via fax (505) 667-9998, or by e-mailing at: ewithers@doeal.gov. The public comment period ends November 19, 2001.

The public is also invited to meet with NNSA and LANL BSL-3 project staff to informally discuss this document and to provide your comments on the predecisional draft EA. The meeting is scheduled for November 14, 2001 at 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Los Alamos Inn, 2201 Trinity Drive in Los Alamos.